

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) today joined with fellow Members of the Blue Dog Coalition in strong support of President Obama as he urged members of both the House and Senate to pass legislation requiring that any new mandatory government spending be matched with budget cuts or savings elsewhere.

In a White House press conference with members of the Coalition, the President announced his support for legislation that would reinstitute statutory pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) rules, a move long advocated by the Blue Dogs as a way to restore much-needed fiscal discipline to the federal government.

“The Blue Dogs are committed to addressing the country’s long-term fiscal challenges and have worked tirelessly over the years to require the federal government to spend within its means,” Bishop said. “The President’s announcement today follows up on his commitment to PAYGO rules. I was proud to stand today with President Obama and my fellow Blue Dogs and I look forward to serving as an ally in Congress as both chambers move to pass this important legislation.”

Today’s announcement marks the first time the Obama Administration has officially transmitted legislation to Congress, a sign of the President’s strong commitment to restoring fiscal responsibility and accountability to the federal government over the long-term.